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the Registrar's permission. The first two banks have since formally started work on 27th May 1929 and 4th April 1929 respectively. The reasons for the delay are said to be that in Chengam the prime mover had failed to secure debentures and even now there is no certainty of his hopes materializing. The future of the bank at Bhavani is not bright owing to factions. As regards the third bank, no steps are being taken to start it as there are no prospects of its successful working. The answer to clause (*a*) above explains how these banks happened to be registered.

Mr. T. Adinarayana Chettiyar :—" Will the hon. the Minister be pleased to give the names of the Deputy Registrars who registered the banks at Chengam, Bhavani and Tinnevelly ? "

The hon. Mr. M. R. Seturatnam Ayyar :—" Notice, Sir."

Mr. T. Adinarayana Chettiyar :—" Has the hon. Minister satisfied himself that these banks were not started merely on communal grounds instead of blaming the people of the locality for not carrying on the work ? "

The hon. Mr. M. R. Seturatnam Ayyar :—" I am not aware of that."

Reduction in the rate of interest on loans to land mortgage banks, etc.

* 132 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. Shetty : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state whether the Government have decided to reduce the rate of interest on their loans to land mortgage banks and building societies ?

A.—The matter is still under consideration.

Fisheries

Transfer of the control of fish-curing yards to the Government of India.

* 133 *Q.*—Dr. B. S. Mallayya : Will the hon the Minister for Development be pleased to state whether the Government have taken any and if so what steps to hand over the management of the fish-curing yards to the Government of India ?

A.—The answer is in the negative.

Investigation of plankton, etc., on an all-India basis.

* 134 *Q.*—Dr. B. S. Mallayya : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state whether the Government have addressed the Central Government in the matter of conducting the investigation of plankton, the migration and the oil contents, mackerels, etc., on an all-India basis ?

A.—No.

Abolition of the post of Socio-Economic Sub-Assistant in the Fisheries department.

* 135 *Q.*—Mr. Mahmud Schamnad : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the post of the Socio-Economic Sub-Assistant in the Fisheries department has been abolished ; and